Pebblebrook High School Summer Reading (2015-2016 School Year)

Required Reading Philosophy: The Pebblebrook English Department believes that the required reading assignment is an opportunity for students to establish a broad literary foundation and exercise independent reading and thinking skills. Students entering ANY English course must follow the directions below. See chart below for specific reading assignments.

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| **Grade** | **Book and Author** | **On-Level Assignment** | **Honors/AP Assignment** |
| **9th** | ***The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers***  Sean Covey | **9th Lit**: Read the book and create a blog using the attached directions.  Set up one page for each of the seven habits.  On each page, write a one paragraph summary and reflection of what you learned from that chapter.  \*Although it is encouraged to create a blog, you may complete the assignment hand-written or typed using Microsoft Word. | **Honors 9th Lit**.: Complete the same assignment as on-level except you will write 2-3 paragraphs for each habit.  **In addition**: add visual graphics (pictures and/or videos) to illustrate the habit. |
| **10th** | ***On Writing Well***  William Zinsser | **Advanced Composition**: Read Parts 1 and 2. Pick 4 sections from Part 3 to read (pick those that you think will interest you most. Create a blog using the attached directions, or update the blog you used in your previous English class. Set up one page each for Parts 1, 2, and 3. On each page, write a one paragraph summary and reflection of what you learned from that chapter. For each of the 4 sections you chose from Part 3, write a sample paragraph applying the skills you learned in that section. (For example, if you read “Sports,” write a one paragraph piece of sports writing using those tips. If you read “Humor,” write one paragraph using humor.) | **Honors Advanced Composition**: Complete the same assignment as on-level except you will read the **entire text** and complete assignments for **EACH** chapter.  (Your blog address is due to your teacher on THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL regardless of what semester you have literature.) |
| **11th**  **11th** | ***Thank You for Arguing***  Jay Heinrichs | **American Lit**: Read Chapters 1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, and 25.  Create a blog using the attached directions, or update the blog you used in your previous English class.  Set up one page for each chapter.  On each page, write a one paragraph summary and reflection of what you learned from the chapter. | **Honors American Lit.:** Complete the same assignment as on-level.  **In addition**: Read *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller.  (Your blog address is due to your teacher on THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL regardless of what semester you have literature.)  **AP Lang**: Read *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote and complete a blog assignment as directed by your teacher.  **In addition**: Read **all** of *Thank You for Arguing*. |
| **12th** | ***How to Read Literature Like a Professor***  Thomas Foster | **Multi Lit**: Read Chapters 1, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 25.  Create a blog using the attached directions, or update the blog you used in your previous English class.  Set up one page each for each chapter.  On each page, write a one paragraph summary and reflection of what you learned from that chapter. | **Honors Brit**: In *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* read chapters 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, and 25. **In addition**, read *Grendel* by John Gardner. Create a blog using the attached directions, or update the blog you used in your previous English class. Each chapter in HTRLLAP should have its own post.For each post, provide a 300 word summary of the chapter and a 500 word analysis of how that chapter works in the novel, *Grendel*. (Your blog address is due to your teacher on THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL regardless of what semester you have literature.)  **AP Lit:** Read *Dracula* by Bram Stokerand complete a blog assignment as directed by your teacher. In addition: Read **all** of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor.* |

**Purchasing Books:** You may find all books in the public library or you may purchase one from a bookstore or on the internet (Amazon.com, Half.com, Barnes & Noble, The Book House in Mableton, etc.)

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